



2017 City of Roswell Cinco de Mayo Chihuahua Race Information and Rules

The **City of Roswell & the Roswell Humane Society** is excited to announce the 2017 Chihuahua Races to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Eligibility:

- All dogs must be vaccinated as required by the City of Roswell Animal Control Ordinances.
- Owners and helpers must be 18 or older.
- Chihuahua and Chihuahua-mix-breed dogs are eligible to race.

There are two weight classes: Under 7 pounds, and 7 pounds to 12 pounds.

Due to the recent outbreak of Canine Distemper proof of distemper vaccination (DDHPPV; DHPP; DA2PP; or DA2PPV on your pet's health records) dated 21 days prior to event, April 15th 2017, is required. NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON GROUNDS WITHOUT THIS PROOF

Registration:

- All participants must pre-register. All pre-registered applications must be received at the Parks & Recreation office, 1101 W 4th (in Cahoon Park), via mail or drop-off, no later than 4:30pm, Friday, April 29, 2017. On-site pre-registration deadline is 1 hour before races begin. Incomplete or illegible entries will be disqualified.

The Race:

- On Saturday, May 6, 2017, all pre-registered participants must appear in person by 4:30pm at the race location and check in with Race Representatives. Participants that fail to check in with Race Representatives by 4:30pm will be disqualified from further participation in the Race. At check-in, each participant will be required to review the Race Rules and sign a waiver of liability and release agreement.
- At approximately 5:00pm, the Race will begin. Chihuahua Race track will be located at Russ DeKay Soccer Complex across from the Wool Bowl.

Chihuahua Race Rules:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times (except during race).
- Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- Two people must be available during the race heat; one at the race start and one at the finish line.
- Owners/participants may use a toy or treat to entice the dog, but must stay at each end until the dog comes to the owner/participant. The toy or treat may not be thrown or tossed.
 - Owners/participants may not run alongside the dog.
- Dogs must completely cross the finish line, within the boundaries, without being grabbed. If the dog is touched by the handler before completely crossing the finish line, the dog will be disqualified. The City of Roswell reserves the right to disqualify any dog/owner/participant for inappropriate behavior.
 - The Race Representatives will conduct a series of race heats to narrow down the field to the top six dogs. The number of heats will depend on the number of entrants.
- The final six dogs will compete immediately after all preliminary heats have been completed.
- The dog that completes the course first will be deemed the winner. Races will continue to take place until there is a clear winner as agreed to by Race Judges. **JUDGES' DECISION ARE FINAL.**
 - By participating in the Race, owners/participants agree to be bound by decisions of City of Roswell Race Representatives and/or Race Judges.
- Unsportsmanlike, disruptive, annoying, harassing, or threatening behavior is prohibited.
- The Race Judges will interpret these rules and resolve any disputes, conflicting claims, or ambiguities concerning the rules of the Race, and the Race Judges' decisions concerning such disputes shall be final.
- If the conduct or outcome of the Race is affected by human error, any mechanical malfunctions or failures of any kind, intentional interference, or any event beyond the control of the Race representatives, the City of Roswell reserves the right to terminate the Race, or make such other decisions regarding the administration or outcome as the City deems appropriate.
- All decisions made by the City of Roswell are final. The City of Roswell may waive any of these rules at its sole discretion.

Vaccine Record Attached Here.



2017 City of Roswell Cinco de Mayo Chihuahua Race Entry Form & Waiver

Saturday, May 6, 2017

To reserve your spot, please mail or deliver this entry form and waiver to Parks & Recreation office located at 1101 W. 4th St. Roswell, NM 88201. Registration fee of \$5 per contestant will be accepted by cash or check only. All participants must pre-register. **Pre-registration deadline is 4:30pm, Friday, April 28, 2017. On-site registration deadline is 1 hour before races begin.**

OWNERS PRINTED NAME _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Cell# _____ Email _____

Contestant (Chihuahua's Name) _____

Dog's Sex, Male/Female _____ Dogs Age _____ Dog's Weight _____

By participating in this Race, I agree to waive any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury, loss of property, or property damage that I may sustain as a result of my dog's participation in the Race and/or the use of any prize, and any damages or losses arising from the implementation of carrying out of the Race, or any participant's failure to win the Race or receive the prize, and release the Roswell Humane Society, the City of Roswell, and their membership companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in the Race, even though that liability may arise out of an unintentional act, omission, negligence, or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above.

I assume full responsibility for the behavior and care of my dog through this event and cannot hold any person(s) associated or not associated with the City of Roswell liable for any injury incurred through the actions of my dog. I certify that all vaccinations are current and my dog is free from any contagious diseases, is in good physical condition and is not aggressive to people or other animals. ***Due to the recent outbreak of Canine Distemper proof of distemper vaccination (DDHPPV; DHPP; DA2PP; or DA2PPV on your pet's health records) dated 21 days prior to event, April 15th 2017, is required. NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON GROUNDS WITHOUT THIS PROOF.*** _____ **INITIAL** To the best of my knowledge, the dog participating in the Race is a Chihuahua or Chihuahua-mix breed. If there is any question regarding the breed of my dog and/or eligibility requirements, I will adhere by the Race Judges' decision whether or not to allow my dog to participate in the Race. I will take good care of my dog based upon established standards of animal care. I understand that this Race is for entertainment only.

I, the undersigned, hereby understand that the City of Roswell reserves the right to photograph me and/or my dog during the sponsored event and may use the photography for the purpose of any future promotional or advertising medium (print, video, or digital).

Owner's Signature _____ Date: _____